

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 13th November 2016**

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## **Silent Key – Bernie EI6AX**

It is with great sadness and sincere regret that we inform you of the death of Bernie O'Sullivan EI6AX of Cahermore, Beara, County Cork. Bernie died on 9th November after a relatively short illness and his funeral took place on Friday last.

Bernie was a great supporter of IRTS and understood and appreciated the work of the Society for radio amateurs and amateur radio. Up to the time of his illness Bernie was a regular caller on the Sunday HF Radio News bulletins. His signals were always superb and he was, so to speak, a beacon from the extreme western edge of the Beara peninsula.

Up to a few years ago Bernie and his great friend John EI3BF were regular attendees at the IRTS annual dinners. In the years past Bernie regaled the attendance with his humorous poems and stories. His poem 'Pat and Pete' which was an account of an imaginary conversation between a mythical Irish radio ham Pat and St. Peter at the Pearly Gates is legendary.

Bernie will be very sadly missed by his many friends in amateur radio both at home and further afield.

To his wife Mary, his daughters Rose, Helen and Siobhán and to his sons Donncha and Pádraigh as well as to his extended family and friends we offer our sincerest sympathy.

Bernie was a man of great heart and spirit. That heart is now stilled and the 'Beacon of Beara' is now silent. May he rest in peace. Ní bheidh a leithéad ann arís. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílish

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The next meeting of SEARG will be on Monday 28th November. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

Follow SEARG on Facebook and on Twitter. [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie)

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## **Talk in Dublin on Space, Amateur Radio & NASA**

There will be a talk in Dublin on Thursday next 17th November at 7pm in the TOG hackerspace on space and Amateur Radio and Video.

Daniel EI9FHB will be explaining how the HAMTV system in Midleton in Cork receives video from the space station during school contacts. Conor Forde from Mullingar will be talking Cube Satellites and ones he recently designed, while Marc O'Griofa from Meath will be explaining his work with NASA on training Astronauts in deep sea simulations. Part of Marc's talk will explain how they operated a 26 minute radio delay, simulating the time delay of missions to Mars, due to the slow speed of radio waves, and how this impacts on mission planning.

The talks are free and open to all. Free parking is available in the area. More details on [www.tog.ie](http://www.tog.ie)

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## **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR**

The Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will be having a Bring & Buy Sale at its Club House, 113 Castletown Road, Dundalk, County Louth, on next Wednesday 16th November at 8.30pm. This promises to be a great event and everyone is welcome to attend. All funds raised are in aid of DAR. [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

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## **DX News**

Four international operators will be active from Myanmar from 15th to 22nd November. They will be on 10m to 80m SSB, CW and RTTY. At the time of writing the callsign had not been notified but it will have an XZ prefix. QSL Manager is JH1AJT.

Kenneth LA7GIA is off on another trip to Africa. This time his destination is the Central African Republic. Look for the callsign TL8AO from 10th until 22nd November. QSLs go via M0OXO.

Tom PA3TG, who was QRV as 5N/PA3TG from Nigeria last month for a few weeks, will be back there again from 15th to 25th November. He plans to be on 20m SSB and CW and on 30m CW in the evenings. QSL to his home call.

Felix DL5XL will be returning to the German Antarctic Research Base called 'Neumayer 3' this month and will be there until next February. His callsign will be DP1POL and he will mainly operate CW and digital modes. This activity will count as

AN-016 for the IOTA programme. QSL Manager is DL1ZBO and logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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